(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of of the Sabha.

Metro-Railway in Calcutta

182. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: "Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Metro Railway service in Calcutta was suspended due to a derailment on September 1, 1986;

(b) if so, what were the reasons for such derailment; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A high level Enquiry Committee has been constituted to So into the causes of the derailment and suggest preventive measures.

Shortage of wagons and coaches

183. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERIEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of wagons and coaches in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken 1o remove the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): a) The rail transport targets for 1986-87 are by and large expected to be achieved with the enisting fleet and the proposed acquisition of wagons and coaches.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a).

Incentives for Adopting Small Family Norms

184. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch a new scheme to give special incentives to those who adopt the small family norms; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No new scheme to give special incentives to the adopters of the small family norm has so far been finalised.

Primer on cultural heritage of country

185. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)' whether Government propose to prepare a "Cultural Primer"—a handbook for teachers—to help acquaint children with the basic facts about the country's cultural heritage; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, in the implementation of the National Policy on Education, 1986, relating to universalisa-tion of elementary education the plan of action includes preparation of a "Cultural Primer" as a handbook for teachers and workers engaged in the institutional care of children at the pre primary level. The idea is to arouse in the children at early stage a sensitivity and love for arts through the use of local material. The format

and content of the proposed "Cultural Primer" will be worked out by experts.

Multi-Drug therapy for Leprosy

186. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in each State where the multi-drug therapy (MDT) for leprosy is being used at present; and

(b) the names of the districts in each State where Government propose to extend this facility during the current Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Statements I and II Which are laid on the Table of the House.

Statement-I

Names of 15 *high endemic districts in States functioning under Multi-Drug Treatment activitie! ,*

States		Names of districts under MDT activities.
1 Andhra Pradesh	1	Srikakulam
	2	Visakhapatnam
	3	Vizianagaram
2 Bihar	1	Deoghar
3 Gujarat	1	Vadodara
4 Karnataka	1	Dharwad
	2	Belgaum
5 Maharashtra	1	Amravati
	2	Wardha
6 Orissa	1	Ganjam
	2	Puri
7 Tamil Nadu	1	Chingleput
	2	North Arcot
8 Uttar Pradesh	1	Varanasi.
9 West Bengal	1	Purulia
TOTAL : 9 STATES		15 DISTRICTS